

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 56

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH TO STUDY THE  
CONSOLIDATION OF VARIOUS HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES AND  
STAMPS FOR THE EASE OF HUNTERS AND FISHERMEN.

WHEREAS, there are currently over thirty statutorily  
created classes of hunting and fishing licenses and numerous  
additional stamps and special use permits created by rule; and

WHEREAS, there are over two hundred licensed vendors  
throughout the state selling over-the-counter licenses for  
hunting and fishing; and

WHEREAS, there is an overabundance of bureaucracy that  
hunters and fishermen must navigate in order to purchase the  
correct classification of license with the correct stamp; and

WHEREAS, violations and fines apply to hunters and  
fishermen who in good faith purchased a hunting or fishing

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1 license but did not purchase the proper license or neglected to  
2 purchase an additionally required stamp; and

3 WHEREAS, enforcement of laws and rules should focus on  
4 poaching, where no permit or license whatsoever has been  
5 issued; and

6 WHEREAS, purchasing the proper hunting and fishing  
7 licenses should not be unduly burdensome;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of game and fish be  
10 requested to study the consolidation of the various licenses  
11 and stamps to reduce the complexity and facilitate the purchase  
12 of the proper licenses for hunters and fishermen and report its  
13 findings to the interim courts, corrections and justice  
14 committee, or its successor, by November 2010; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
16 transmitted to the governor and to the director of the  
17 department of game and fish.